during the period w.e.f. 1.1.91 till-date is as given hereunder:—

Grade of Post	No. of PH promoted
Grade-II (DASS)	8
Grade-III (DASS)	..
Grade-IV (DASS)	6
TOTAL	14

Separate Association/Union for SC/ST

2212. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms and conditions required for granting recognition to the Unions/Associations in various Departments of Central Government/Public Undertakings/Corporations/Banks etc.;

(b) what are the reasons for not recognising separate Association of SC/ST employees in each Department for protection of their interests and effective implementation of reservation/relaxation granted to them by Government as neither Government agency such Liaison Officers nor general Employees Associations/Unions are found to be effective and favourable; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to reactify situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Rules for Recognition of Service Association of Central Government employees notified in 1959 are at present being treated as inoperative after the judgement of the Supreme Court striking down Rule, 4(B) of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1955 with reference to which the former Rules were notified. No New Associations of Central Government employees are being considering for recognition pending finalisation of fresh Recognition Rules, which are not applicable to Public Undertakings/Corporations/Banks etc.

(b) and (c) As a policy, no Service Association is considered for recognition which is formed on the basis of any caste, tribe or religious denomination or of any group within or section of such caste, tribe or religious denomination. All necessary steps are taken from time to time for effective implementation of the Reservation Policy.

Promotion of Principal Private Secretaries to the grade of Deputy Secretaries

2213. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under CSS Rules Private Secretaries are also considered along with Section Officers for promotion to the grade of Under Secretary;

(b) if so, on the same analogy, whether Government will consider treating Principal Private Secretaries at par with Under Secretaries for promotion to the grade of Deputy Secretaries, in view of the fact that at present there are no further promotional avenues to them and there are a number of incumbents in the service with more than ten years service left; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Central Secretariat Service Rules, 1962, Grade A Stenographers of Central Secretariat Stenographers Service are also considered along with Section Officers for promotion to the grade of Under Secreoary normally, subject to their having worked as Section Officers for at least two years.

(b) and (c) The grade of Deputy Secretary constitutes the Selection grade of the Central Secretariat Service. Promotions to this grade are made from officers of Grade I (Under Secretary) of the CSS which includes those promoted from Grade A of the Central Secretariat Stenograpers Service. There is no proposal